

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The listing of claims below replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~adhesive for polarizing plate~~ polarizing plate according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 4, wherein the crosslinking agent comprises glyoxal and/or a compound having a methylol group.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~adhesive for polarizing plate~~ polarizing plate according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 4, wherein the polarizer is a polyvinyl alcohol-based polarizer and the transparent protective film is a cellulose-based transparent protective film.

4. (Currently Amended) A polarizing plate in which a transparent protective film is provided on at least one surface of a polarizer with an adhesive layer, wherein the adhesive layer is formed with an adhesive for polarizing plate ~~according to claim 1~~ comprising a crosslinking agent in the range of more than 30 parts by weight and 46 parts by weight or less relative to 100 parts by weight of a polyvinyl alcohol-based resin having an acetoacetyl group;

wherein a thickness of the adhesive layer is from 1 to 95 nm.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Withdrawn) A fabrication method for polarizing plate in which a transparent protective film is provided on at least one surface of a polarizer with an adhesive layer, comprising the steps of:

preparing the adhesive for polarizing plate according to claim 1; and

coating the adhesive for polarizing plate on a surface of the polarizer on which the adhesive layer is formed and/or a surface of the transparent protective film on which the adhesive layer is formed; and adhering the transparent protective film and the polarizer.

7. (Withdrawn) The fabrication method for polarizing plate according to claim 6, wherein a time taken until the adhesive for polarizing plate is coated after the adhesive for polarizer is prepared is 240 min or less.

8. (Withdrawn) The fabrication method for polarizing plate according to claim 6, wherein the preparation step for the adhesive for polarizing plate, the coating step for the adhesive for polarizing plate and the adhesion step of adhering the transparent protective film and the polarizer are all conducted at a temperature in the state of from 25 to 50°C.

9. (Previously Presented) An optical film comprising at least one polarizing plate according to claim 4.

10. (Previously Presented) An image display comprising a polarizing plate according to claim 4.

11. (Previously Presented) An image display comprising the optical film according to claim 9.

12. (Currently Amended) The adhesive for polarizing plate according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 4, wherein the transparent protective film has a retardation value in a film thickness direction represented by  $R_{th} = [(n_x + n_y)] / 2 - n_z] \times d$  of from -90 nm to +75 nm, (where,  $n_x$  and  $n_y$  represent principal ~~indicies~~ indices of refraction in a film plane,  $n_z$  represents refractive index in a film thickness direction, and  $d$  represents a film thickness).

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~adhesive for~~ polarizing plate according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 4, wherein the crosslinking agent comprises glyoxal.

14. (Currently Amended) The ~~adhesive for~~ polarizing plate according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 4, wherein the crosslinking agent comprises a compound having a methylol group.

15. (Canceled)